

Patent Application of HIGUCHI
Serial No.: 09/024,771
Art Unit: 2753

The Examiner has requested a copy of Japanese Laid-Open Publication No. S61-153102. A copy of this publication is submitted herewith as part of an Information Statement.

Claims 1-4 have been rejected as being indefinite for reasons set forth in paragraph 6 on page 2 of the Office Action. The claims have been amended and the words and phrases objected to by the Examiner have been revised. Other revisions have also been made to the claims to more particularly point out and more distinctly claim the subject matter applicant regards and the invention.

Claims 1-4 have also been rejected as being anticipated by Yoichi for reasons set forth in paragraph 8 of the Office Action. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The present invention is patentably distinguishable over the reference to Yoichi (U.S. Patent No. 3,812,529) for several reasons. In Yoichi, a magnetic tape discrimination system is disclosed, in which a kind of tape (normal tape, chromium tape or the like) is determined by detecting a degree of signal erase based upon a fact that tapes are different from each other in a corrective force, and a recording bias level is automatically switched in accordance with the determined kind of tape.

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In this way, Yoichi is entirely different from the subject matter of the present invention.

Furthermore, Yoichi shows a connection diagram of erasing heads 11 and 13, and a oscillator circuit 15, and according to this description in Yoichi, a signal from the oscillator circuit 15 is only supplied to the heads 11 and 13. In other words, Yoichi completely fails to teach or remotely suggest that at least one of the heads is utilized as an oscillation inductance.

The elements 11, 12 and 13 are erasing or record heads. However, in each of the figures of the reference, the block "15" is merely characterized as an oscillator. There is no way, it appears, for one skilled in the art, to establish from the reference whether the elements 11, 12 and 13 are needed to tune the oscillator 15 or whether there is any interaction insofar as the establishing a resonant frequency or whether the oscillator merely feeds each of the parallel heads.

Additionally, while the Examiner has characterized the elements 11, 12 and 13 as being a series circuit, these elements are more accurately arranged in parallel to each other.

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In view of the foregoing, it is believed that this application is in condition for allowance. Early allowance and issuance is respectfully requested.

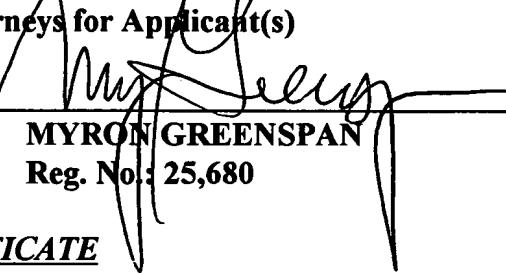
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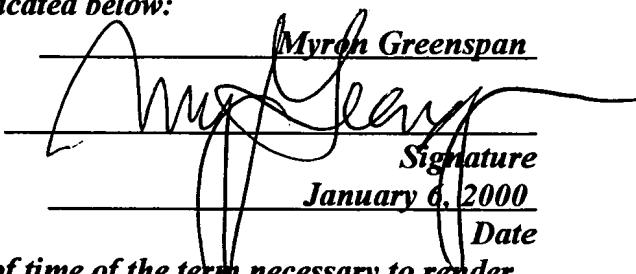
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